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DEADLINE FOR FIFIETH ISSUE----------December 1

A letter from the President.

As we approach N.C.N.A. elections, I would like to take the opportunity to communicate a few thoughts about our organization, where we have been, and where we may go in the future.

I must begin, by reflecting on our past. From the humble beginnings of the organization through its' many successful years of promoting and serving the numismatic community, many individuals have risen to the occasion by unselfish service to the N.C.N.A. I have had the privilege of knowing many of these past and present "pillars" of the N.C.N.A. and I would like to take this opportunity to recognize some very special individuals whom I have known for their many years of service: Stuart Denton, Roy Hill, Denis and Lillian Hooker, Wendell Hooker, Ron Miller, Robert Mish, Constance Perham, John Sears, Ed Sins and Michael Turrini. Some of these individuals are no longer with us, some are no longer active in the organization but many are still working hard in the service of the N.C.N.A. today. I salute these individuals and the many whom I have not known, for their hard work on behalf of the N.C.N.A.

Numismatics is once again facing very difficult times and so are coin clubs and organizations. Our hobby would appear to be in recession, in addition to "graying", because there are relatively few young people entering our hobby/interested in numismatics, than in the years past. This poses a formidable challenge to current numismatists.

Over the years, the N.C.N.A. has done a commendable job in promotion and education in furthering numismatics. Yet, we are today faced with unprecedented challenges to our hobby. The N.C.N.A. as an organization, is also faced with difficult times. We were unable to have a coin show last year and are in a similar situation this year. There has also been a significant amount of discord amongst officers, Club representatives and members attending Board of Directors meetings in recent years. This is not an indictment of any individuals, I genuinely believe "all of our hearts" are in the right place. We need to make a renewed effort to focus our attention on meeting the goals of our organization and may have to consider modifying those goals, to better meet the challenges of the future.

What has worked in the past, is not working in the environment we are facing today. This is the very reason our hobby and our organization is in difficulty at this time. During my Presidency, it is my sincere hope to promote a new spirit of cooperation amongst all members, in an effort to meet current and future goals of the N.C.N.A. We need to strengthen the N.C.N.A. to insure a bright and prosperous future, thus enabling the N.C.N.A. to meet its' goals and promote numismatics.

In service of the N.C.N.A. and numismatically yours.

Fred G. van den Haak
President

THE MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

My Frends,

As some NCNA Heads and Tales readers already know that for several years much of my creative and usable hours have been devoted to the prolong series of articles published on the 1946 Iowa Statehood Centennial Commemorative Half Dollar. Since 1986, when this all commenced, some eighteen articles have been authored, all with no finale in sight. Since my eternal pursuit aroused annoyance and aversion, all summed as "Why So Much?" or "When Will It End?", let me use this forum to respond to those who questioned, disliked, or sought to terminate this endeavor. To begin, I cannot say, really and accurately, why I have continued this research and the writing it has fathered. But.

Challenge. Knowledge. Achievement. Joy. Discovery. Dedication. Completeness. Truth. These nouns might abridge for me why my 'Iowa Half Dollar thing' is much, very much, further that I originally anticipated and why no further near an epilogue.

Edmund Hillary, the Conqueror of Mount Everest, replied once "Because It Is There". My reaction is much the same: "The Half Dollar Was Minted"; yet, this simple rejoiner only partially answers. My youth adds.

I must give credit to someone, not a coin hobbyist nor someone any readers here might know: my former junior high school teacher who instill--infused and ignited--into me the quest for knowledge and wisdom.

William Dougherty--Mr. Dougherty as I would still to this day address him--instructed us and taught us in his third period Eighth Grade United States History class to write a term paper: a report with bibliography, footnotes, quotes, loc. cit., the whole-nine-yards. What was our topic, controlling theme, to be? A person in American history and how his or his personality or background influenced or directed him or her in some event in life! This as an eighth grader! Talk about a school assignment for a thirteen yearold! Whom did I choose? Cornelius Vanderbilt and his fight with Daniel Drew and others to control the Erie Railroad.

To those who complain, to those who query, to those who wonder way, and to those who are envious, to you all who want to know why and/or when will it end, the answer remains my alone.

My goal here, in this forum, was to elucidate, however poorly, the motivation--the vigor--which still sustains my imperishable series on the 1946 Iowa Statehood Centennial Commemorative Half Dollar.

Who or what to blame? Might it be Mount Everest or Mr. Dougherty? Even I wonder. When will it end? Even I cannot schedule a date. But.

Here I would advise patience. Pause, relax, and sit down and observe erosion decay the Earth's highest mountain.

Best Wishes Always.

Numismatically Yours,

Michael S. Turrini
Editor

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GOLD MINER DIGGINGS: NCNA News and Happenings

IMPORTANT Generous Offer!!!!!! *IMPORTANT*

Those Club Members, that is coin club members of our Association, may obtain FREE David W. lange's recently published The Complete Guide To Buffalo Nickels.

The Association is offering to its Club Members only without charge this one-time opportunity to obtain Lange's new book. All that is required is written application, on the letterhead of the group and same signed by either the President or Secretary, requesting one free copy and mailed directly to Mr. Lange himself. The Association will compensate Mr. Lange for the book; thus, no charge to any Club Member requesting same.

Stipulations are simple. Only to current Club Members, again coin clubs, not individuals, via written signed request. Only one book, please, and although there is not announced deadline, requests will be honored only as long as supply lasts. Mail To:

David W. Lange
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PO Box 190476
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1993 Elections

It is that time of year for the Association's Annual Election. Nomination Forms and later Ballots will be soon mailed, and as this Issue goes to the printer, all current Executive Officers have agreed to serve another term with all five executive positions having one candidate. Of course, this should not stop anyone, qualified and willing, to run; if interested, write to:

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NCNA President
PO Box 60484
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Next Board of Diectors Meeting

These will be one more scheduled Board Meeting in 1993, and this is it, to which all Club Members are urged to send a voting Delegate:

November 29, 1993, Fifth Monday, 6:30pm, Leaning Tower Restaurant, 713 Linden Avenue, South San Francisco.

If you would like to attend, and as a courtesy, please telephone in-advance, Dave Lange at '415-872-0295'.

First Board meetings in 1994 have yet to be scheduled.

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BRANCH MINT REPORTS: Club Happenings

Have been receiving bulletins, newsletters, or news releases from these coin clubs:

Fremont Coin Club
Gateway Coin Club
Delta Coin Club
Peninsula Coin Club
Fresno Numismatic Society
Napa Valley Coin Club
Redwood Empire Coin Club
Solano Silver Round Club
Stanislaus County Coin Club
Sacramento Valley Coin Club
Alameda Coin Club
Livermore Valley Coin Club
Greater Houston Coin Club
Vallejo Numismatic Society
Fairfield Coin Club
San Francisco Coin Club
Diablo Numismatic Society
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society
San Jose Coin Club
Cupertino Coin Club
Liberty Numismatic Society

Fremont Coin Club Claimed an extra $250.00 from Rudy Christain's Expos Unlimited thanks to the combined exhibit efforts of ROGER LYLES, MIKE YOST, VINCE LACARIERE, STAN BARNES, and IRENE LYLES. Their combined exhibit won Second Place in this first-ever sponsored club exhibit competition. April 28th meeting was FCC's Other Hobbies Night: ROGER LYLES, Lincoln Cents (Is this another hobby?), DOUG DANIELS, Columbian Coins, IRIS ATKINSON, Elk's Pins, MARIE HUTCHINSON, Home Grown Vegetables, MIKE MATNEY, Race Cars, and DICK HUTCHINSON, Model Trains. Participants at the June 8th Dime Night were ROGER LYLES, CAL SAMPSON, DAVID LANGE, DENNIS OLSWANG, MATTHEW RICE, STAN BARNES, REGAN SHEA, DOUG DANIELS, and FRANK WEICZOREK.

Gateway Coin Club An appeal has been announced for old newsletters and other items from the GCC's past. Historian THERESA LUND is seeking newsletters and items to complete the Club's archives. Out-of-towners may correspond to: "PO Box 3101, Merced, California, 95344". The GCC sponored a much different theme night last June 17th: "Bring your favorite cake, cookies, or other goodies that are somehow numismatically related. They can be designed like a coin, feature coins, or ???. Awards will be presented for the Most Numismatically Oriented, Best Tasting, and Most Original Creation. Don't plan on eating a big dinner, as members will have to sample each item in order to vote on their choices". But, no list of winners has been reported; did all the entries win or were just eaten?

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Delta Coin Club Earned an easy $600.00 also in Rudy Christain's Expos Unlimited Club Exhibit thanks to the effort of KEVIN MALLOY's award-winning Military Payment Certificate display. August 8th was the date of the DCC's Annual Club Picnic again held at Lodi's Micke's Grove. Where was Your Editor? In Fremont, Nebraska at the HENKE FAMILY REUNION. Those interested in DCC issued woods and medals are welcomed to communicate to the Club's Wood Coordinator SYD KASS. Ask him about error woods.

Peninsula Coin Club Reelected its 1993 Officers: HUGH COURTEL, President, MARK GEALY, Vice-President, FRED G. VAN DEN HAAK, Treasurer, and RICHARD DOUGLAS, Secretary. The PCC again announced a new location for its Annual Show on November 14th: Hyatt Rickeys at: 4219 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. PCC earned a nice $100.00 also in the Expos Unlimited competition for the exhibit displayed by AL LO. Final mintages for the Club's 1993 medals are: 51 silvers, 550 bronzes, 50 antique coppers, and 30 uniface bronzes.

Fresno Numismatic Society Has a new meeting place: it is Hope Lutheran Church, Room 23, 364 East Barstow Avenue, Fresno. July 13th was FNS' Annual Other Hobbies Night with these participants: MERLE DAVIS, RUTH PHILLIPS, KEN NAKAMURA, DAVE JOSEPHINE, PHIL NORDIN, and LOREN GAITHER. Recent FNS' programs have been: BRIAN LENTELL, May 11th, Seated Quarters and Halves, DAVID MICHAELS, June 8th, Alexandrian Coinage, and GEORGE SHAMLIN, August 10th, 'Numismatics In The Nineties'.

Napa Valley Coin Club Has cancelled its monthly newsletter, Napa Valley Numismatic News. NVCC mourns the lost of its lawyer and Life Member STEVE HACKETT, who represented the Club in gratis several times in local and civic concerns.

Redwood Empire Coin Club Continues an active and growing Youth Numismatic Program coordinated by LEE GONG. This group sponsored a public display during April's National Coin Week at Santa Rosa's G&G Market. RECC again reminds everyone of its new meeting location: Coddingtown Community Center, 1100B Coddingtown, Santa Rosa, just two buildings left of the Post Office; meetings remain the Fourth Wednesday evening at 7:30pm.

Solano Silver Round Club Announces orders for its 1993 medal, Fifth Issue, in its Second World Was Fiftieth (50th) Anniversary Siler Round Series are being accepted through the deadline of October 14th. Price is $20.00 postpaid. Remit order to: "PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590". Theme will be the Russian Front, Battle of Stalingrad. The SSRC celebrated its Tenth (10th) Anniversary last June 3rd at Vacaville's Pietro's #1 with a record eleven Show 'n Tells: TONY WONG, ED BROYE, GORDON DONNELL, BOB KECK, CRAIG BLACKWOOD, STAN TURRINI, DON BARSI, JAN HENKE, BILL BARTZ, and JOE SIROIS. The Club's June Quarterly Drawing earned a record $295.00 with a record twenty-six prizes. The SSRC will hold its Annual Open Meeting this Sunday, September

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19, 1993 at the Fourth Annual Fairfield Coin and Collectibles Show, Solano Community College, in its Student Center, Building 1400, Faculty Lounge, starting at 1:00pm. Show 'n Tells, the September Quarterly Drawing, Door Prizes, and speaker will be this Open Meeting's agenda. The speaker will be BOB CHANDLER with a slide-illustrated talk, 'Wells Fargo Legends'. His talk with be different than his 1992 presentation. This Open Meeting is free to all Show visitors. To reach the College, drive I-80 to Cordelia, at 680 and I-80, and take the Suisun Valley Road exit north about one mile. The SSRC's folksy monthly newsletter, The Silver Notes, gladly for local coin clubs willing to reciprocate run-off and include news releases and order forms of club medal isuses. All that is required is a good reproductible camera-ready copy. Write to: "JAN HENKE, Editor, PO Box 3518, Fairfield, California, 94533".

Stanislaus County Coin Club Heard PHIL NORDIN'S slide-illustrated presentation on 'Philippine Numismatics' at its June 23rd meeting which was reported as "probably the best presentation" given at this Club in some time. The SCCC will hold its Eleventh (11th) Annual Coin Show next March 12 and 13, 1994 at Modesto's Holiday Inn. The Club's Annual Picnic was last August 22nd at Tuolumne Regional Park behind Modesto's airport. JERRY HEISINGER, SCCC's Editor, always includes trivia or numismatic facts in the newsletter; here is one, which must be his Want List: "How many of you know what the ten (10) most wanted coins, in 1994, are? Let me enlighten you, the 1909-S Indian Head Cent, the 1933-D Buffalo Nickel, the 1942/1 Mercury Dime, the 1932-D Washington Quarter, the 1974-D Doubled-Die Kennedy Half Dollar, and the 1903-O Morgan Dollar, 1928 Peace Dollar, and the 1893 Isabella Quarter. Do any of you have any or all of these?".

Sacramento Valley Coin Club Reports the Exhibit Winners at its past Eleventh (11th) Annual Spring Coin Show were: Best-of-Show Junior, JASON LOUIS, Best-of-Show Adult, KEVIN MALOY, Second Place CHUCK WHITE, and First Place, JEFF SHELVIN. The next semi-annual show for this Club will October 30 and 31, 1993 at LaSierra Community Center. Reguests for information on previously issued, but little known or undocumented, SVCC woods, tokens, and medals is appealled. Over the years, this Club has issued several numismatic items, but now lacks facts on same. Information, samples, and input are actively sought and acknowledged. Contact BOB DECESARIS at "916-356-5769" or write to "PO Box 160122, Sacramento, California, 95816".

Alameda Coin Club Has resumed regular monthly issues of its Thick and Thin Times thanks to Editor MIKE NIECOFF. the ACC held its first-ever Pizza Party last June 8th at RoundTable Pizza in Marina Village, Alameda.

Livermore Valley Coin Club Has had the following meeting programs: August 17th, Trivia Quiz, July 20th, JOEL ANDERSON, 'Odd and Curious Coins of the World', June 15th, Pot-Luck/Bingo with

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Slab-Toss, and May 18th, KEN BARR, 'Numismatic Potpourri'.

Greater Houston Coin Club CHRIS JOHNS did a remembrance in the GHCC's June Double Shift, which is shared here: "I remember how glad I was to get home after a week at the Hotel and finding my family, including the cat, had missed me! I also remember promising myself then, that if an ANA [American Numismatic Association] Convention ever came to Houston again, I would spend the week in Tomball. Sure hope I don't have to leave town!". CHRIS JOHNS reflected on her experiences back in 1978 as the first woman General Chairperson of an ANA Convention held in that year in Houston, Texas. She also worked at the 1965 Convention also staged in Houston.

Vallejo Numismatic Society Recent VNS meeting activities have been: August 4th, STEWART HUCKABY's Coin Quiz, July 7th, Bingo, June 2nd, Pizza Party, and May 5th Hot Dog Night. The exhibit winners at the April 25th Vallejo Show were: JEFF SHELVIN, Rochette Award, KEVIN MALLOY, President's Award, and DR. RODNEY W. BAKER, People's Choice. There was a record ten exhibits; other exhibitors were: CRAIG BLACKWOOD, GORDON DONNELL, JAN HENKE, BOB SATHER, STAN TURRINI, and CHUCK WHITE. An appeal is made to former members to contact the Society, as an anniversary celebration and other commemorations are anticipated for 1994, being the Society's Fortieth (40th) Anniversary, 1954-1994. Write to: "PO Box 4281, Vallejo, California, 94590". The VNS again reports its 1994 Show date is Sunday, May 1, 1994; same site: Dan Foley Cultural Center, Dan Foley Park, in Vallejo.

Fairfield Coin Club Proudly reports that generous donations and enthusiastic bidders earned the Club a record $313.00 at its June 23rd Annual George Flannagan Memorial Auction. Contributors were: JOHN and SANDY BEARDEN, CRAIG BLACKWOOD, JAN HENKE, RUSSELL KRUEGER, RUSSEL LEACH, CHUCK LUCE, ED PICA, JERRY SINGER, and STAN TURRINI. The FCC's Annual May Pot-Luck was last May 26th with special guest speaker Captain SCOTT MATHIS, USAF (RES) who presented a slide-illustrated talk on his flight into Antarctica. The FCC's big-news is this Sunday, September 19, 1993 with its Fourth (4th) Annual Fairfield Coin and Collectibles Show, 10:00am to 5:00pm, in the Student Center, Building 1400, on the campus of Solano Community College, 4000 Suisun Valley Road, in Cordelia, off I-80 at 680 on Suisun Valley Road north. The one-day Show is a full-day multi-event with bourse, exhibits, lots of free give-ways, drawings, and much more. Two groups will meet during this Show: the Solano Silver Round Club (SSRC) at 1:00pm and the Northern California Wooden Money Collectors (NCWMC) earlier at Noon (12:00pm). Two speakers are scheduled: FRANK HEANEY, at both 11:00am and 2:30pm, on 'The Rock: Alcatraz' and BOB CHANDLER, at 2:30pm, on 'Wells Fargo Legends'. Free Admission. Ample free parking and easy access to Center. For additional information, telephone '707-427-0482'. Special Note: both the FCC and the Vallejo Numismatic Society will again issue a special Anheuser-Busch logo medal; telephone JAN HENKE to order at '707-427-0482'.

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San Francisco Coin Club Recent SFCC programs have been: May 25th, KEN BARR, Love Tokens, June 22nd, White Elephant Auction, which earned $94.50 for the SFCC, July 27th, SYD KASS, from Stockton, California, on Currency Errors, and August 24th, BOB CHANDLER, 'Wells Fargo Legends'.

Diablo Numismatic Society Has only sent one issue of its Diablo Die Break. The DNS earned $190.00 in its first-ever Donation Drawing held at its April 15th Pizza Party. Hope DNS's Editor STEWART HUCKABY regularly mailed monthly the Diablo Die Break to NCNA Heads and Tales, particularly as Your Editor is DNS' President!

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society Recent PCNS meeting activities have been: April 28th, STEPHEN HUSTON, 'A Two Hundred Year Old Coin Collection', May 26th, LARRY REPPETEAU, 'Irish Coinage', June 26th, Annual Banquet, and July 28th, STEPHEN HUSTON, 'Counterfeiting', Recent PCNS honors have been: 1993 Literary Awards: First, L. BENJ FAUVER, Second, STAN TURRINI, and Third, GEORGE SMYTH; Distinquished Member Award to relocating DAVE CIENIEWICZ and his wife, BECKY CIENIEWICZ, Honorary Member, and the highest award of this Society, 'Fellow of the Society', to noted author and statewide coin hobbyist, DAVID W. LANGE. PCNS mourns the passing of JOHN LENKER, who was its President in 1945.

San Jose Coin Club Two recent SJCC meeting speakers have been: May 12th, ED SINS, 'A Survey of the Early Coinage of Mexico' and June 9th, DENNIS OLSWANG, 'A Survey of Canadian Coinage'.

Cupertino Coin Club Has a new meeting location: West Valley Presbyterian Church, Recreation Hall, 6191 Bollinger Avenue, near the intersection of Bollinger and Miller, in Cupertino. The CCC now meets on the Second Friday, and its mailing address again is: "PO Box 448, Cupertino, California, 95015-0448". May 14th meeting was Other Hobbies Night with these participants: STEWART HUCKABY, Baseball, DAN SHATTUC, Conservation, DON BARSI, Toy Banks, GORDON DONNELL, Wood Carving, MICHAEL SCHAUF, Pocket Watches, JOYCE CAROLAN, Gardening, KELLY CAROLAN, Sewing, KATHLEEN SODERSTROM, Hats and Gloves, which she made herself, DENNIS OLSWANG, The Brian, DON BURNS, Kids: His Own, and JOHN CAROLAN, Piano Playing.

Liberty Numismatic Society Recent LNS meeting activities have been: DON BARSI, May 4th, Peninsula Tokens, HERB MILES, July 6th, Early Liberian Coinage, and MIKE SULAK, August 3rd, Grading Small Cents. Long-time LNS member DAVE CIENIEWICZ was honored at the July 6th meeting for his many years of service to this Society. He will soon relocated to Alabama.

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COIN SHOW SCHEDULE

August 15	FREMONT. Fremont Coin Club 21st Annual Coin Show Elk's Hall, 38991 Farwell Dr (Hwy 880 @ Mowry).
Aug. 29	EMERYVILLE. San Francisco/Alameda Coin Clubs' Bay Area Coin Show, Bay Bridge Holiday Inn, Powell St. Bourse: Tom Kelly, Bay Area Coin Show, 3151 Diablo Ave, Hayward 94545. (Bourse Fees: $55/$75/$95)
Sept. 19	SUISUN. Fairfield Coin Club 4th Show, Solano Com. College #1400 Student Center, 4000 Suisun Road. Bourse: Jan Henke, P.O. Box 944, Fairfield 94533, (707) 427-0482. Info: Stan Turrini, PO Box 4104, Vallejo 94590, (707) 643-4286.
Oct. 10	SANTA ROSA. Redwood Empire Coin Club 26th Annual Coin-a-Rama, Veterans' Memorial Bldg, 1351 Maple Ave. Contact: Lorene Farnsworth, 582 Este Madera Drive, Sonoma CA 95476. (707) 938-2349.
Oct. 16-17	STOCKTON. Delta Coin Club annual show, Eagles' Hall, 1492 Bourbon St.
Oct. 30-31	CARMICHAEL. Sacramento Valley Coin Club Show, La Sierra Center, 5325 Engle Rd. Info: Jeff Shevlin (916) 969-3308.
Nov. 14	PALO ALTO. Peninsula Coin Club An Show.
Nov. 27-28	FRESNO. Fresno Num Soc 27th Annual Coin-a-Rama, Holiday Inn Airport, 5090 E. Clinton Way.
Dec. 5	CHICO. Chico Coin Club 12th An Show, Chico Holiday Inn, Hwy 99 at Cohasset. Bourse: Al Beck, P.O. Box 1187 Chico CA 95927, (916) 342-5991. Tables: $40.
Jan 21-23, 94	SAN JOSE. San Jose Coin Club 26th Show, Old San Jose Convention Center, Market & Almaden. Bourse: Dean Alfred, P.O. Box 5621, San Jose CA 95150. Exhibits: Ed Sins, P.O. Box 5075, San Jose 95150.
March 27	NAPA. Napa Valley Coin Club 30th Show, Chardonnay Hall, Napa Town/Country Fairgrnds. Bourse: John Bearden, PO Box 3339, Napa 94533. (707) 426-4484.
Apr 16-17, 94	CARMICHAEL. Sacramento Valley Coin Club Show, La Sierra Center, 5325 Engle Rd. Info: Jeff Shevlin.
May 1, 94	VALLEJO. Vallejo Num Soc 22nd Show, Dan Foley Center, Dan Foley Park, Tuolumne St @ End North Camino Alto. Bourse: Craig Blackwood, P.O. Box 241, Elmira CA 95625. Info: M. Turrini c/o VNS, P.O. Box 4281, Vallejo 94590 (707) 643-4286.